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#### (57) Abstract

The use of certain 5-arylpyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-ones, 6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-ones, 2-arylquinazolin-4-ones, 2-arylpurin-6-ones and 2-arylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4-ones, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity, for the manufacture of a medicament for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man; a pharmaceutical composition for said treatment; and a method of said treatment of said animal with said pharmaceutical composition or with said either entity.

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# BICYCLIC HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF IMPOTENCE

This invention relates to the use of certain pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-ones, pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-ones, quinazolin-4-ones, purin-6-ones and pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4-ones for the treatment of impotence.

Impotence can be defined literally as a lack of power, in the male, to copulate and may involve an inability to achieve penile erection or ejaculation, or both. More specifically, erectile impotence or dysfunction may be defined as an inability to obtain or sustain an erection adequate for intercourse. Its prevalence is claimed to be between 2 and 7% of the human male population, increasing with age, up to 50 years, and between 18 and 75% between 55 and 80 years of age. In the USA alone, for example, it has been estimated that there are up to 10 million impotent males, with the majority suffering from problems of organic rather than of psychogenic origin.

Reports of well-controlled clinical trials in man are few and the efficacy of orally administered drugs is low. Although many different drugs have been shown to induce penile erection, they are only effective after direct injection into the penis, e.g. intraurethrally or intracavernosally (i.c.), and are not approved for erectile dysfunction. Current medical treatment is based on the i.c injection of vasoactive substances and good results have been claimed with phenoxybenzamine, phentolamine, papaverine and prostaglandin  $E_1$ , either alone or in combination; however, pain, priapism and fibrosis of the penis are associated with the i.c. administration of some of these agents. Potassium channel openers (KCO) and vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP) have also been shown to be active i.c., but cost and stability issues could limit development of the latter. An alternative

to the i.c. r ut is the use of glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) patches applied to the p nis, which has been shown to be effective but produc s side-effects in both patient and partner.

As a general alternative to pharmacological intervention, a variety of penile prostheses has been used to assist achievement of an erection. The short term success rate is good, but problems with infection and ischaemia, especially in diabetic men, make this type of treatment a final option rather than first-line therapy.

The compounds of the invention are potent inhibitors of cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate phosphodiesterases (cGMP PDEs) in contrast to their inhibition of cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate phosphodiesterases (cAMP PDEs). This selective enzyme inhibition leads to elevated cGMP levels which, in turn, provides the basis for the utilities already disclosed for the said compounds in WO-A-93/06104, WO-A-93/07149, WO-A-93/12095, WO-A-94/00453 and WO-A-94/05661 respectively, namely in the treatment of stable, unstable and variant (Prinzmetal) angina, hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, conditions of reduced blood vessel patency e.g. post-percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (post-PTCA), peripheral vasculer disease, stroke, bronchitis, allergic asthma, chronic asthma, allergic rhinitis, glaucoma, and diseases characterised by disorders of gut motility, e.g. irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Unexpectedly, it has now been found that these disclosed compounds are useful in the treatment of erectile dysfunction. Furthermore the compounds may be administered orally, thereby obviating the disadvantages associated with i.c. administration. Thus the present invention concerns the use of a compound of formula (I):

$$R^{2}O$$
  $HN$   $N$   $CH_{3}$   $SO_{2}NR^{3}R^{4}$ 

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl or ethyl; R<sup>2</sup> is ethyl or n-propyl;

and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently H, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl or with morpholino;

#### a compound of formula (II):

wherein R¹ is C₁-C6 alkyl;
R² is H; methyl or ethyl;
R³ is C₂-C4 alkyl;
R⁴ is H; C₁-C4 alkyl optionally substituted
with NR⁵R6, CN, CONR⁵R6 or CO₂R7; C₂-C4 alkenyl
optionally substituted with CN, CONR⁵R6 or
CO₂R7; C₂-C4 alkanoyl optionally substituted
with NR⁵R6; SO₂NR⁵R6; CONR⁵R6; CO₂R7 or halo;
R⁵ and R6 are each independently H or C₁-C4

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alkyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they ar attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino, 4-(NR<sup>8</sup>)-l-pip razinyl or l-imidazolyl group wherein said group is optionally substituted with one or two C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups;

R<sup>7</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>8</sup> is H; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl or (hydroxy)C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl;

and

a compound of formula (III):

$$R^3$$
  $HN$   $R^1$   $R^4$ 

R1 is H; C1-C4 alkyl; C1-C4 alkoxy or CONR5R6; wherein R2 is H or C1-C4 alkyl; R3 is C2-C4 alkyl; R4 is H; C2-C4 alkanoyl optionally substituted with NR7R8; (hydroxy)C2-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with NR7R8; CH=CHCO2R9; CH=CHCONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> or imidazolyl;  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently H or  $C_1-C_4$ alkyl;  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  are each independently H or  $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR10)-1-piperazinyl group wherein any

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of said groups is optionally substituted with CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

R9 is H r C1-C4 alkyl;

 $R^{10}$  is H;  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl or (hydroxy) $C_2-C_3$  alkyl;

and n is 2, 3 or 4;

with the proviso that  $R^4$  is not H when  $R^1$  is H,  $C_1-C_4$  alkyl or  $C_1-C_4$  alkoxy;

a compound of formula (IV):

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;
R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;
R<sup>3</sup> is H or SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>;
R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR<sup>6</sup>)-l-

piperazinyl group;

and R<sup>6</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C, alkyl;

or a compound of formula (V):

 $R^1$  is H;  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; CN or  $CONR^4R^5$ ; wherein · R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; R3 is SO2NR6R7; NO2; NH2; NHCOR8; NHSO2R8 or N(SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>),;  ${\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}^4$  and  ${\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}^5$  are each independently selected from H and C1-C4 alkyl;  ${\bf R}^6$  and  ${\bf R}^7$  are each independently selected from H and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with CO<sub>2</sub>R°, OH, pyridyl, 5-isoxazolin-3-onyl, morpholino or l-imidazolidin-2-onyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino, 1-pyrazolyl or 4-(NR10)-1piperazinyl group wherein any of said groups may optionally be substituted with one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, NH2 and OH; R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or pyridyl; R' is H or C1-C4 alkyl;  $R^{10}$  is H;  $C_1-C_4$  alkyl or (hydroxy) $C_2-C_3$  alkyl; and

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity, for the manufacture of a medicament for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a

male animal, including man.

In the above d finition, unless oth rwis indicated, alkyl and alkoxy groups having three or more carbon atoms, and alkenyl and alkanoyl groups having four carbon atoms, may be straight chain or branched chain. Halo means fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo.

The compounds of the invention may contain one or more asymmetric centres and thus they can exist as enantiomers or diastereoisomers. Furthermore, certain compounds of formulae (II) and (III) which contain alkenyl groups may exist as cis-isomers or transisomers. In each instance, the invention includes both mixtures and separate individual isomers.

The compounds of the invention may also exist in tautomeric forms and the invention includes both mixtures and separate individual tautomers.

The pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the invention which contain a basic centre are, for example, non-toxic acid addition salts formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric and phosphoric acid, with organo-carboxylic acids, or with organo-sulphonic acids. The compounds of the invention can also provide pharmaceutically acceptable metal salts, in particular non-toxic alkali metal salts, with bases. Examples include the sodium and potassium salts. For a review on suitable pharmaceutical salts, see J. Pharm. Sci., 1977, 66, 1.

A preferred group of compounds is that of formula (I) wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H; methyl or ethyl; R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with cyclohexyl or with morpholino; and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are as previously defined for formula (I); of formula (II) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is n-propyl; R<sup>2</sup> is H or methyl; R<sup>3</sup> is ethyl or n-propyl; R<sup>4</sup> is H; ethyl substituted with CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; vinyl substituted with CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; acetyl substituted with NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> or bromo; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a morpholino, 4-(NR8)-1-piperazinyl or 2,4-dimethyl-l-imidazolyl group; R7 is H or t-butyl; and R<sup>8</sup> is methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; of formula (III) wherein R1 is H; methyl; methoxy or CONR5R6; R2 is H or methyl; R3 is ethyl or n-propyl; R4 is H; acetyl optionally substituted with NR7R8; hydroxyethyl substituted with NR7R8; CH=CHCO2R9; CH=CHCONR7R8; CH,CH,CO,R<sup>9</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or 1-imidazolyl; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently H or ethyl; R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a piperidino, 4-carbamoylpiperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR10)-l-piperazinyl group; R9 is H or t-butyl; and R10 is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; with the proviso that R4 is not H when R1 is H, methyl or methoxy; of formula (IV) wherein R1 and R2 are each independently ethyl or n-propyl; R4 and R5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-(NR6)-1-piperazinyl group; and R3 and R6 are as previously defined for formula (IV); and of formula (V) wherein R1 is H; n-propyl; CN or CONH2; R2 is ethyl; R3 is SO,NR6R7; NO,; NH,; NHCOCH(CH,); NHSO,CH(CH,); NHSO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl) or N[SO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl)]<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>6</sup> is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; R7 is methyl optionally substituted with 2-pyridyl or 5-isoxazolin-3-onyl; or ethyl 2substituted with OH, CO2CH2CH3, morpholino or 1imidazolidin-2-onyl; or R6 and R7 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a (4-CO,R')piperidino, 5-amino-3-hydroxy-1-pyrazolyl or 4-(NR10)-1-piperazinyl group; R9 is H or ethyl; and R10 is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl.

A particularly preferred group of compounds is that of formula (III) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl; CONH<sub>2</sub> or CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>2</sup> is H; R<sup>3</sup> is ethyl or n-propyl; R<sup>4</sup> is H; acetyl; 1-hydroxy-2-(NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>)ethyl; CH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; CH=CHCONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> or 1-imidazolyl; R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attach d form a 4-(NR<sup>10</sup>)-l-piperazinyl group; and R<sup>10</sup> is methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; with the proviso that R<sup>4</sup> is not H when R<sup>1</sup> is methyl; of formula (IV) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is n-propyl; R<sup>2</sup> is ethyl; and R<sup>3</sup> is l-piperazinylsulphonyl or 4-methyl-l-piperazinylsulphonyl; and of formula (V) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is n-propyl or CN; R<sup>2</sup> is ethyl; R<sup>3</sup> is SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>; NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; NHSO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl) or N[SO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl)]<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>6</sup> is H or methyl; R<sup>7</sup> is methyl; or ethyl 2-substituted with CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; morpholino or l-imidazolidin-2-onyl; or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a (4-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>)piperidino or 4-(NR<sup>10</sup>)-l-piperazinyl group; R<sup>9</sup> is H or ethyl; and R<sup>10</sup> is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl.

Especially preferred individual compounds of the invention include:

l-ethyl-5-[5-(n-hexylsulphamoyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3d]pyrimidin-7-one;

l-ethyl-5-(5-diethylsulphamoyl-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;

5-[5-(N-cyclohexylmethyl-N-methylsulphamoyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-l-ethyl-3-methyl-l,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;

6-(5-bromo-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-(5-morpholinosulphonyl-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-l-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

6-[5-(2-carboxyvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyl-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4one;

6-[5-(2-t-butoxycarbonylvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyl-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-[5-(2-morpholinocarbonylvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-[5-(2-morpholinocarbonylethyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl-sulphonyl]phenyl}-8-methylquinazolin-4-(3H)-one;

2-{5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinylsulphonyl]-2-n-propoxyphenyl}-8-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-methyl-2-{5-[2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinylcarbonyl)-ethenyl]-2-n-propoxyphenyl}quinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-carbamoyl-2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinylsulphonyl]phenyl}quinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-ethylcarbamoyl-2-(2-n-propoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one;

2-[2-ethoxy-5-(4-ethoxycarbonylpiperidino-sulphonyl)phenyl]-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one;

2-[5-(4-carboxypiperidinosulphonyl)-2ethoxyphenyl]-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)one;

2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinyl-sulphonyl]phenyl}-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one;

and 2-{2-ethoxy-5-[(bis-3-pyridylsulphonyl)amino]-phenyl}-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one.

The compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV) and (V) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, processes for the preparation thereof, in vitro test methods for determining the cGMP PDE and cAMP PDE inhibitory activities thereof, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and routes of administration for human use, are described in WO-A-93/06104, WO-A-93/07149, WO-A-93/12095, WO-A-94/00453 and WO-A-94/05661 respectively, which are incorporated herein by

reference.

A preliminary investigation was carried out with a view to isolating and characterising the cyclic nucleotide PDEs of human corpus cavernosum, relaxation of which leads to penile erection. Studies of substrate specificity, response to activators and inhibitor sensitivity, have demonstrated that human corpus cavernosum contains three distinct PDE enzymes.

#### Methods

Fresh frozen human penis was obtained from IIAM (Pennsylvania). Tissue was thawed at room temperature, the corpus cavernosum was dissected from the penis to yield approximately 2-4 g of tissue and the following isolation protocol was followed. Tissue was coarsely chopped in ice-cold isotonic buffer (35 ml) containing 250mM sucrose, 1mM EDTA, 0.5mM PMSF and 20mM HEPES, pH 7.2, and the mixture subjected to brief (1 min.) treatment with a Silversen mixer/emulsifier. Homogenates were prepared using homogeniser tubes with teflon pestles and soluble fraction was prepared by centrifugation at 100,000 x g for 60 min. at 4°C. 10 ml of high speed supernatant was applied to a Pharmacia Mono Q anion exchange column (1 ml bed volume) equilibrated with buffer containing lmM EDTA, 0.5 mM PMSF and 20mm HEPES, pH 7.2 (chromatography buffer). The column was then washed with 5 bed volumes of chromatography buffer, after which PDEs were eluted using a continuous gradient of 0-500mM NaCl (total volume 35 ml) and 1 ml fractions collected.

Column fractions were assayed for PDE activity using 500nM cGMP or 500nM cAMP as substrate. cAMP PDE activity was also determined in the presence of lµM unlabelled cGMP and the PDE activity of selected fractions was determined in the presence of l0mM CaCl, and l0 units/ml bovine brain calmodulin. Appropriate fractions were pooled and stored at 4°C during the

c urse of the study.

Inhibition studies were performed using a substrate concentration of 500nM throughout. All inhibitors were dissolved in DMSO and concentration-response curves were constructed over the range 3 x  $10^{-10}$  to 1 x  $10^{-4}$ M in half log increments. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using the sigmoidal curve fitting algorithm of biostat.

#### Results

Human corpus cavernosum soluble PDEs were separated into three distinct fractions of activity. The first, fraction I, (designated by order of elution) represents the major PDE present and is highly selective for cGMP as substrate. This fraction was found to be insensitive to stimulation by calcium/calmodulin and was classified as PDEv. Fraction II hydrolyses cGMP and cAMP, with the latter activity being stimulated in the presence of cGMP, and is classified as PDEII, whilst fraction III is cAMP selective and this activity is inhibited in the presence of cGMP, consistent with PDEIII activity.

In order to further characterise the PDE isoenzymes present in the tissue, studies were performed using a variety of inhibitors. Inhibitor studies with fractions I and II were performed using cGMP as substrate, whilst fraction III studies utilised cAMP. These studies confirmed that fraction I corresponds to PDE, whilst fraction III was clearly identified as PDE, fraction II (PDE, was relatively insensitive to all the inhibitors tested.

In summary, the above investigation identified three PDE isoenzymes in human corpus cavernosum tissue. The predominant PDE is the cGMP-specific PDE $_{v}$ , whilst cGMP-stimulated cAMP PDE $_{II}$  and cGMP-inhibited cAMP PDE $_{III}$ 

are also pr sent.

Certain compounds of the invention have been tested in vitro and found to be potent and selective inhibitors of the cGMP-specific PDE<sub>v</sub>. Thus relaxation of the corpus cavernosum tissue and consequent penile erection is presumably mediated by elevation of cGMP levels in the said tissue, by virtue of the PDE inhibitory profile of the compounds of the invention.

Although the compounds of the invention are envisaged primarily for the treatment of erectile dysfunction or male sexual dysfunction, they may also be useful for the treatment of female sexual dysfunction, including orgasmic dysfunction related to clitoral disturbances, and of premature labour and dysmenorrhea.

Generally, in man, oral administration of the compounds of the invention is the preferred route, being the most convenient and avoiding the disadvantages associated with i.c. administration. A preferred dosing regimen for a typical man is 5 to 75 mg of compound three times daily. In circumstances where the recipient suffers from a swallowing disorder or from impairment of drug absorption after oral administration, the drug may be administered parenterally, e.g. sublingually or buccally.

For veterinary use, a compound of the invention or a non-toxic salt thereof is administered as a suitably acceptable formulation in accordance with normal veterinary practice and the veterinary surgeon will determine the dosing regimen and route of administration which will be most appropriate for a particular male animal.

Thus the invention includes a pharmaceutical composition for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, comprising a compound of formula (I), (II), (IV) or (V), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt

thereof, togeth r with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Ther is further provided a process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, comprising formulating a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

The invention also provides a method of treating a male animal, including man, to cure or prevent erectile dysfunction which comprises treating said male animal with an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), (II), (IV) or (V), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity.

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#### **CLAIMS**

#### 1. The use of a compound of formula (I):

$$R^{2}O$$
  $HN$   $N$   $CH_{3}$   $CH_{3}$ 

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl or ethyl;
R<sup>2</sup> is ethyl or n-propyl;
and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently H, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>
alkyl optionally substituted with C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>

cycloalkyl or with morpholino;

a compound of formula (II):

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;
R<sup>2</sup> is H; methyl or ethyl;
R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;
R<sup>4</sup> is H; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, CN, CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl

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opti nally substituted with CN, CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanoyl optionally substituted with NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> or halo; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino, 4-(NR<sup>8</sup>)-1-piperazinyl or 1-imidazolyl group wherein said group is optionally substituted with one or two C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups; R<sup>7</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

and R<sup>8</sup> is H; C<sub>1</sub>-C, alkyl or (hydroxy)C<sub>2</sub>-C, alkyl;

a compound of formula (III):

wherein R¹ is H; C₁-C₄ alkyl; C₁-C₄ alkoxy or CONR⁵R⁶;
R² is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl;
R³ is C₂-C₄ alkyl;
R⁴ is H; C₂-C₄ alkanoyl optionally substituted with NR²R⁶; (hydroxy)C₂-C₄ alkyl optionally substituted with NR²R⁶; CH=CHCO₂R⁰;
CH=CHCONR²R⁶; CH₂CH₂CO₂R⁰; CH₂CH₂CONR²R⁶;
SO₂NR²R⁶; SO₂NH(CH₂)<sub>n</sub>NR²R⁶ or imidazolyl;
R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl;
R² and R⁶ are each independently H or C₁-C₄

and

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alkyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR10)-1-piperazinyl group wherein any of said groups is optionally substituted with CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

R9 is H or C1-C4 alkyl; R10 is H; C1-C, alkyl or (hydroxy)C2-C, alkyl; n is 2, 3 or 4; with the proviso that R4 is not H when R1 is H, C1-C4 alkyl or C1-C4 alkoxy;

a compound of formula (IV):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{2}O & HN & N \\
N & R^{1}
\end{array}$$
(1V)

wherein  $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_4$  alkyl;  $R^2$  is  $C_2-C_4$  alkyl; R3 is H or SO2NR4R5;  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR6)-1piperazinyl group; R<sup>6</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; and

or a compound of formula (V):

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R1 is H; C1-C4 alkyl; CN or CONR4R5; wherein R2 is C2-C4 alkyl; R3 is SO2NR6R7; NO2; NH2; NHCOR8; NHSO2R8 or N(SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>)<sub>2</sub>; R4 and R5 are each independently selected from H and C1-C4 alkyl;  ${\bf R}^6$  and  ${\bf R}^7$  are each independently selected from H and C1-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, OH, pyridyl, 5-isoxazolin-3-onyl, morpholino or l-imidazolidin-2-onyl; or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidino, piperidino, morpholino, 1-pyrazolyl or 4-(NR10)-1piperazinyl group wherein any of said groups may optionally be substituted with one or two substituents selected from C1-C4 alkyl, CO2R9, NH2 and OH; R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or pyridyl; R' is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;  $R^{10}$  is H;  $C_1-C_4$  alkyl or (hydroxy) $C_2-C_3$  alkyl; and

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ther f, or a pharmaceutical composition c ntaining either entity, for the manufactur of a medicament for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man.

The use according to claim 1 wherein in a compound of formula (I) R3 is H; methyl or ethyl; R4 is C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with cyclohexyl or with morpholino; and R1 and R2 are as previously defined in claim 1; in a compound of formula (II) R1 is n-propyl; R<sup>2</sup> is H or methyl; R<sup>3</sup> is ethyl or n-propyl; R<sup>4</sup> is H; ethyl substituted with CONR'R' or CO,R'; vinyl substituted with CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; acetyl substituted with NR5R6; SO2NR5R6; CONR5R6; CO2R7 or bromo; R5 and R6 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a morpholino, 4-(NR8)-1-piperazinyl or 2,4-dimethyl-l-imidazolyl group; R7 is H or t-butyl; and R<sup>8</sup> is methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; in a compound of formula (III) R1 is H; methyl; methoxy or CONR5R6; R2 is H or methyl; R3 is ethyl or n-propyl; R4 is H; acetyl optionally substituted with NR7R8; hydroxyethyl substituted with NR7R8; CH=CHCO,R9; CH=CHCONR7R8; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> or l-imidazolyl; R<sup>5</sup> and R6 are each independently H or ethyl; R7 and R8 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a piperidino, 4-carbamoylpiperidino, morpholino or 4-(NR10)-1-piperazinyl group; R9 is H or t-butyl; and R<sup>10</sup> is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; with the proviso that R4 is not H when R1 is H, methyl or methoxy; in a compound of formula (IV)  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are each independently ethyl or n-propyl; R4 and R5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-(NR6)-1-piperazinyl group; and R3 and R6 are as previously defined in claim 1; and in a compound of formula (V) R1 is H; n-propyl; CN or CONH,; R<sup>2</sup> is ethyl; R<sup>3</sup> is SO,NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>; NO,; NH,; NHCOCH(CH<sub>1</sub>),;

NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; NHSO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl) or N[SO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl)]<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>6</sup> is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; R<sup>7</sup> is methyl optionally substituted with 2-pyridyl or 5-isoxazolin-3-onyl; or ethyl 2-substituted with OH, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, morpholino or limidazolidin-2-onyl; or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a (4-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>)piperidino, 5-amino-3-hydroxy-l-pyrazolyl or 4-(NR<sup>10</sup>)-l-piperazinyl group; R<sup>9</sup> is H or ethyl; and R<sup>10</sup> is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl.

- The use according to claim 2 wherein in a compound 3. of formula (III) R1 is methyl; CONH, or CONHCH, CH,: R2 is H; R3 is ethyl or n-propyl; R4 is H; acetyl; 1-hydroxy-2-(NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>)ethyl; CH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; CH=CHCONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> or 1-imidazolyl; R7 and R6 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a  $4-(NR^{10})-1$ piperazinyl group; and R10 is methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl; with the proviso that R4 is not H when R1 is methyl; in a compound of formula (IV) R1 is n-propyl; R2 is ethyl; and R3 is 1-piperazinylsulphonyl or 4-methyl-1piperazinylsulphonyl; and in a compound of formula (V) R1 is n-propyl or CN; R2 is ethyl; R3 is SO,NR6R7; NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>1</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; NHSO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl) or N[SO<sub>2</sub>(3-pyridyl)],; R<sup>6</sup> is H or methyl; R' is methyl; or ethyl 2-substituted with CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; morpholino or l-imidazolidin-2-onyl; or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a (4-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>)piperidino or 4-(NR<sup>10</sup>)-1piperazinyl group; R' is H or ethyl; and R'0 is H; methyl or 2-hydroxyethyl.
- 4. The use according to claim 2 or claim 3 wherein the compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) is selected from

l-ethyl-5-[5-(n-hexylsulphamoyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3d]pyrimidin-7-one;

l-ethyl-5-(5-diethylsulphamoyl-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]-

pyrimidin-7-one;

5-[5-(N-cyclohexylmethyl-N-methylsulphamoyl)-2-n-propoxyph nyl]-1-ethyl-3-methyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;

6-(5-bromo-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-(5-morpholinosulphonyl-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-l-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

6-[5-(2-carboxyvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyll-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4one;

6-[5-(2-t-butoxycarbonylvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-3-methyl-1-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-[5-(2-morpholinocarbonylvinyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-l-n-propyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

3-methyl-6-[5-(2-morpholinocarbonylethyl)-2-n-propoxyphenyl]-l-n-propyl-l,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one;

2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinyl-sulphonyl]phenyl}-8-methylquinazolin-4-(3H)-one;

2-{5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinylsulphonyl]-2-n-propoxyphenyl}-8-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-methyl-2-{5-[2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinylcarbonyl)-ethenyl]-2-n-propoxyphenyl}quinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-carbamoyl-2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-l-piperazinylsulphonyl]phenyl}quinazolin-4(3H)-one;

8-ethylcarbamoyl-2-(2-n-propoxyphenyl)quinazolin4(3H)-one;

2-[2-ethoxy-5-(4-ethoxycarbonylpiperidino-sulphonyl)phenyl]-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one;

2-[5-(4-carboxypiperidinosulphonyl)-2ethoxyphenyl]-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)one;

- 2-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxy thyl)-l-piperazinyl-sulphonyl]phenyl}-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one;
- and 2-{2-ethoxy-5-[(bis-3-pyridylsulphonyl)amino]-phenyl}-8-n-propylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition for the curative or prophylactic treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, comprising a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
- 6. A method of treating a male animal, including man, to cure or prevent erectile dysfunction which comprises treating said male animal with an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity.
- 7. The use of a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity, for the manufacture of a medicament for the curative or prophylactic treatment of female sexual dysfunction, premature labour or dysmenorrhea.
- 8. A method of treating a female animal, including woman, to cure or prevent sexual dysfunction, premature labour or dysmenorrhea which comprises treating said female animal with an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity.

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#### (57) Abstract

Compounds which are selective inhibitors of cGMP PDE are useful in the treatment of erectile dysfunction (impotence) in male animals, including man.

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# cGMP-PDE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION

This invention relates to the use of compounds which are selective inhibitors of cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate phosphodiesterases (cGMP PDEs) in the treatment of erectile dysfunction (impotence) in male animals, including man.

Impotence can be defined literally as a lack of power, in the male, to copulate and may involve an inability to achieve penile erection or ejaculation, or both. More specifically, erectile impotence or dysfunction may be defined as an inability to obtain or sustain an erection adequate for intercourse. Its prevalence is claimed to be between 2 and 7% of the human male population, increasing with age, up to 50 years, and between 18 and 75% between 55 and 80 years of age. In the USA alone, for example, it has been estimated that there are up to 10 million impotent males, with the majority suffering from problems of organic rather than of psychogenic origin.

Reports of well-controlled clinical trials in man are few and the efficacy of orally administered drugs is low. Although many different drugs have been shown to induce penile erection, they are only effective after direct injection into the penis, e.g. intraurethrally or intracavernosally (i.c.), and are not approved for erectile dysfunction. Current medical treatment is based on the i.c. injection of vasoactive substances and good results have been claimed with phenoxybenzamine, phentolamine, papaverine and prostaglandin E<sub>1</sub>, either alone or in combination; however, pain, priapism and fibrosis of the penis are associated with the i.c. administration of some of these agents. Potassium channel openers (KCO) and vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP) have also been shown to be active i.c., but cost and stability issues could limit development of the latter. An alternative to the i.c. route is the use of glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) patches applied to the penis, which has been shown to be effective but produces side-effects in both patient and partner.

As a general atternative to pharmacological intervention, a variety of penile prostheses has been used to assist achievement of an erection. The short term

success rate is good, but problems with infection and ischaemia, especially in diabetic men, make this type of treatment a final option rather than first-line therapy.

According to the specification of our International patent application no PCT/EP94/01580. (publication no WO94/28902), we describe and claim the use of a series of pyrazolo [4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-ones for the treatment of impotence. The compounds are potent and selective inhibitors of cGMP PDE in contrast to their inhibition of cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate phosphodiesterases (cAMP PDEs). This selective enzyme inhibition leads to elevated cGMP levels which, in turn, provides the basis for the utilities previously disclosed for the compounds in the treatment of stable, unstable and variant (Prinzmetal) angina, hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, conditions of reduced blood vessel patency, peripheral vascular disease, stroke, bronchitis, allergic asthma, chronic asthma, allergic rhinitis, glaucoma, and diseases characterised by disorders of gut motility, e.g. irritable bowel syndrome. The specification goes on to describe investigations which identified three PDE isoenzymes in human corpus cayenosum tissue, relaxation of which leads to penile erection. The predominant enzyme was found to be the cGMP-specific PDE<sub>v.</sub> while cGMP-stimulated cAMP PDE<sub>ii</sub> and cGMP-inhibited cAMP PDE<sub>iii</sub>, were also present. The compounds described were found to be potent and selective inhibitors of the PDE<sub>V</sub> enzyme but demonstrated only weak inhibitory activity against the PDE<sub>II</sub> and PDE<sub>III</sub> enzymes. This activity is believed to be responsible for the action of the compounds in the treatment of erectile dysfunction.

A number of cGMP-PDE inhibitors have previously been described in the literature for a variety of utilities, these include use in treating obstructive lung diseases such as asthma and brochitis, in combatting allergic diseases such as allergic asthma, allergic rhinitis, urticaria, and irritable bowel syndrome; and in combatting angina, hypertension and congestive heart failure. Utility has also been claimed as diuretics, as antiinflammatory agents, in the treatment of baldness, for conditions of reduced blood vessel patency, and in glaucoma. However there has not previously been any suggestion that any of these compounds would be of utility in the treatment of erectile dysfunction.

Thus the present invention provid s the use of a compound which is a selective cGMP PDE inhibitor for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, wherein said compound is:

- i a 5-substituted pyrazolo [4,3-d]pyrimidine-7-one as disclosed in European patent application 0201188;
- ii a griseolic acid derivative as disclosed in European patent applications nos 0214708 and 0319050;
- iii a 2-phenylpurinone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0293063:
- iv a phenylpyridone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0347027:
- v a fused pyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0347I46;
- vi a condensed pyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0349239;
- vii a pyrimidopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0351058;
- viii a purine compound as disclosed in European patent application 0352960;
- ix a quinazolinone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0371731;
- x a phenylpyrimidone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0395328:
- xi an imidazoquinoxalinone derivative or its aza analogue as disclosed in European patent application 0400583;
- xii a phenylpyrimidone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0400799;
- xiii a phenylpyridone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0428268:
- xiv a pyrimidopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent 0442204;
- xv a 4-aminoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0579496;

a 4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline derivative or its aza analogue as disclosed in European patent application 0584487;

xvii a polycyclic guanine derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO91/19717;

xviii a nitrogenous heterocyclic compound as disclosed in International patent application WO93/07124;

xix a 2-benzyl-polycyclic guanine derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO 94/19351;

a quinazoline derivative as disclosed in US patent 4060615;

xi a 6-heterocyclyl pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one as disclosed in US patent 5294612;

a benzimidazole as disclosed in Japanese patent application 5-222000; or xxiii a cycloheptimidazole as disclosed in European Journal of Pharmacology, 251, (1994), 1.

xxiv a N-containing heterocycle as disclosed in International patent application WO94/22855.

The invention includes the use of any compound within the scope of the claims of the patents listed above as well as the particular individual compounds disclosed therein.

Of particular interest for use in the present invention are compounds disclosed in EP 0579496, WO93/07124, US 5294612 and WO94/22855 (xv, xviii, xxi and xxiv above); the compounds of EP 0579496 and WO94/22855 being especially preferred.

Examples of particular and preferred compounds from these patents and publications for use in the present invention include:

- 1,3-dimethyl-5-benzylpyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidine-7-one (preparation as described in European patent application 201188, Example 1),
- 2-(2-propoxyphenyl)-6-purinone (preparation as described in European patent application 0293063, Example 1),
- 6-(2-propoxyphenyl)-I,2-dihydro-2-oxopyridine-3-carboxamide (preparation as described in European patent application 0347027, Example 2),

2-(2-propoxyphenyl)pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimid-4(3H)-one (preparation as described in European pat int application 0347146, Example 1),

7-methylthio-4-oxo-2-(2-propoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidine (preparation as described in European patent application 0351058, Example 1), 6-hydroxy-2-(2-propoxyphenyl)pyrimidine-4-carboxamide (preparation as described in European patent application 0395328, Example 15),

1-ethyl-3-methylimidazo[1,5a]quinoxalin-4(5H)-one (preparation as described in European patent application 0400583),

4-phenylmethylamino-6-chloro-2-(1-imidazoloyl)quinazoline (preparation as described in European patent application 0579496, Example 5(c)),

5-ethyl-8-[3-(N-cyclohexyl-N-methylcarbamoyl)-propyloxy]-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-pyrido[3,2-e]pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine (preparation as described in European patent application 0584487, Example 1),

5'-methyl-3'-(phenylmethyl)-spiro[cyclopentane-1,7'(8'H)-(3'H)-imidazo[2,1-b]purin]4'(5'H)-one (preparation as described in International patent application WO 91/19717, Example 9A3),

1-[6-chloro-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)aminoquinazolin-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylic acid (preparation as described in International patent application WO93/07124),

(6aR,9aS)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-5-methyl-3,4,5,6a,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocyclopent[4,5]imidazo[2,1-b]purin-4-one(preparation as described in International Patent application WO94/19351, Example 14),

1-tert-butyl-3-phenylmethyl-6-(4-pyridyl)pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one (preparation as described in US patent 5294612, Example 90),

1-cyclopentyl-3-methyl-6-(4-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one, (preparation as described in US patent 5294612, Example 83),

2-butyl-1-(2-chlorobenzyl)6-ethoxycarbonylbenzimidazole (preparation described in Japanese patent application 5-222000),

2-(4-carboxypiperidino)-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)amino-6-nitroquinazoline (pr paration described in International patent application WO94/22855, Example II),

and 2-phenyl-8-ethoxycycloheptimidazole (KT2-734).

Of particular interest f r use in the present invention are the compounds: 4-phenylmethylamino-6-chloro-2-(1-imidazoloyl)quinazoline (preparation as described in European patent application 0579496, Example 5(c)), 1-[6-chloro-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)aminoquinazolin-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylic acid (preparation as described in International patent application WO93/07124),

(6aR,9aS)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-5-methyl-3,4,5,6a,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocyclopent[4,5]imidazo[2,1-b]purin-4-one(preparation as described in International Patent application WO94/19351, Example 14),

1-tert-butyl-3-phenylmethyl-6-(4-pyridyl)pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one (preparation as described in US patent 5294612, Example 90),

1-cyclopentyl-3-methyl-6-(4-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one, as described in US patent 5294612, Example 83), or

2-(4-carboxypiperidino)-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)amino-6-nitroquinazoline (preparation described in International patent application WO94/22855, Example II),

Further cGMP PDE inhibitors for use in the treatment of erectile dysfunction are:

a pyrazolopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0636626:

xxvi a 4-aminopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0640599:

xxvii a imidazoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/06648;

xxviii an anthranilic acid derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/18097;

xxix a 4-aminoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in US patent 5436233;

a tetracyclic derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/19978:

a imidazoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in European pat nt application 0668280; or

xxxii a quinazoline compound as disclosed in European patent application 0669324.

The compounds may be evaluated as a lective inhibitors of cGMP-PDE using any of the methods previously described but in particular their activity against cGMP-PDE<sub>v</sub> may be assessed as described in our International patent application PCT/EP94/01580, (WO94/28902).

Generally, in man, oral administration is the preferred route, being the most convenient and avoiding the disadvantages associated with i.c. administration. A preferred dosing regimen for a typical man is 5 to 75 mg of compound daily, however the dosage may be increased depending on the potency of the compound being administered and higher dosages are within the scope of the invention. Alternative dosage regimes are also possible depending upon the individual patients circumstances such as the frequency of sexual intercourse. In circumstances where the recipient suffers from a swallowing disorder or from impairment of drug absorption after oral administration, the drug may be administered parenterally, e.g. sublingually or buccally.

For veterinary use, a compound of the invention or a non-toxic salt thereof is administered as a suitably acceptable formulation in accordance with normal veterinary practice and the veterinary surgeon will determine the dosing regimen and route of administration which will be most appropriate for a particular male animal.

Although the compounds of the invention are envisaged primarily for the treatment of erectile dysfunction or male sexual dysfunction, they are also useful for the treatment of female sexual dysfunction including orgasmic dysfunction related to clitoral disturbances, premature labour and dysmenorrhea.

The invention also provides a method of treating erectile dysfunction in a male animal which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound which is a selective cGMP-PDE inhibitor as defined above.

#### **CLAIMS**

- 1. The use of a compound which is a selective cGMP PDE inhibitor for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, wherein said compound is:
- i a 5-substituted pyrazolo [4,3-d]pyrimdine-7-one as disclosed in European patent application 0201188;
- ii a griseolic acid derivative as disclosed in European patent applications nos 0214708 and 0319050;
- iii a 2-phenylpurinone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0293063:
- iv a phenylpyridone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0347027;
- v a fused pyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0347I46:
- vi a condensed pyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0349239;
- vii a pyrimidopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0351058;
- viii a purine compound as disclosed in European patent application 0352960;
- ix a quinazolinone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0371731:
- x a phenylpyrimidone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0395328;
- xi an imidazoquinoxalinone derivative or its aza analogue as disclosed in European patent application 0400583;
- xii a phenylpyrimidone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0400799;
- xiii a phenylpyridone derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0428268;

- xiv a pyrimidopyrimidine derivative as disclos d in European patent 0442204;
- xv a 4-aminoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0579496;
- xvi a 4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline derivative or its aza analogue as disclosed in European patent application 0584487;
- xvii a polycyclic guanine derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO91/19717;
- xviii a nitrogenous heterocyclic compound as disclosed in International patent application WO93/07124;
- xix a 2-benzyl-polycyclic guanine derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO 94/19351;
- a guinazoline derivative as disclosed in US patent 4060615
- a 6-heterocyclyl pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one as disclosed in US patent 5294612
- a benzimidazole as disclosed in Japanese patent application 5-222000; or xxiii a cycloheptimidazole as disclosed in European Journal of Pharmacology, 251, (1994), 1.
- xxiv a N-containing heterocycle as disclosed in International patent application WO94/22855.
- The use of a compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein said compound is: a 4-aminoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0579496;
- a nitrogenous heterocyclic compound as disclosed in International patent application WO93/07124;
- a 6-heterocyclyl pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one as disclosed in US patent 5294612 or
- a N-containing heterocycle as disclosed in International patent application WO94/22855.
- 3. The use of a compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein said compound is:
- 1,3-dimethyl-5-benzylpyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidine-7-one;
- 2-(2-propoxyphenyl)-6-purinone;
- 6-(2-propoxyphenyl)-l,2-dihydro-2-oxopyridine-3-carboxamide;

- 2-(2-propoxyphenyl)pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimid-4(3H)-on;
- 7-methylthio-4-oxo-2-(2-propoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidine;
- 6-hydroxy-2-(2-propoxyphenyl)pyrimidine-4-carboxamide;
- 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazo[1,5a]quinoxalin-4(5H)-one;
- 4-phenylmethylamino-6-chloro-2-(1-imidazoloyl)quinazoline;
- 5-ethyl-8-[3-(N-cyclohexyl-N-methylcarbamoyl)-propyloxy]-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-pyrido[3,2-e]pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine;
- 5'-methyl-3'-(phenylmethyl)-spiro[cyclopentane-1,7'(8'H)-(3'H)-imidazo[2,1-b]purin]4'(5'H)-one
- 1-[6-chloro-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)aminoquinazolin-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylic acid;
- (6aR,9aS)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-5-methyl-3,4,5,6a,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocyclopent[4,5]imidazo[2,1-b]purin-4-one;
- 1-tert-butyl-3-phenylmethyl-6-(4-pyridyl)pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one;
- 1-cyclopentyl-3-methyl-6-(4-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one;
- 2-butyl-1-(2-chlorobenzyl)6-ethoxycarbonylbenzimidazole;
- 2-(4-carboxypiperidino)-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)amino-6-nitroquinazoline; cr 2-phenyl-8-ethoxycycloheptimidazole.
- 4. The use of a compound as claimed in claim 3 where said compound is:
- 4-phenylmethylamino-6-chloro-2-(1-imidazoloyl)quinazoline;
- 1-[6-chloro-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)aminoquinazolin-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylic acid;
- (6aR,9aS)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-5-methyl-3,4,5,6a,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocyclopent[4,5]imidazo[2,1-b]purin-4-one;
- 1-tert-butyl-3-phenylmethyl-6-(4-pyridyl)pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one;
- 1-cyclopentyl-3-methyl-6-(4-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimid-4-one; or
- 2-(4-carboxypiperidino)-4-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)amino-6-nitroquinazoline;

5. The use of a compound which is a selectiv cGMP PDE inhibitor for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal, including man, wherein said compound is:

a pyrazolopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0636626;

xxvi a 4-aminopyrimidine derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0640599;

xxvii a imidazoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/06648;

xxviii an anthrànilic acid derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/18097;

xxix a 4-aminoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in US patent 5436233;

a tetracyclic derivative as disclosed in International patent application WO95/19978;

a imidazoquinazoline derivative as disclosed in European patent application 0668280; or

a quinazoline compound as disclosed in European patent application 0669324.

- 6. The use of a compound which is a selective cGMP PDE inhibitor for the manufacture of a medicament for the curative or prophylactic treatment of female sexual dysfunction, premature labour or dysmenorrhea, wherein said compound is a compound as previously claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 for use in the treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male.
- 7. A method for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in a male animal or female sexual dysfunction, premature labour or dysmenorrhea, which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound which is a selective cGMP PDE inhibitor as previously claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.

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